

REMARKS

The allowance of claim 17 and allowability of claim 18 is acknowledged appreciatively and accepted for these claims and the others by incorporating subject matter of these claims into the other independent claims. Other editorial changes are also made but do not narrow and, thus, do not invoke any Festo-like limitations even if responsive to statutory requirements. New claims 25-27 depend from claims that are thus allowable for allowance therewith.

The drawings are corrected by Replacement Sheets above.

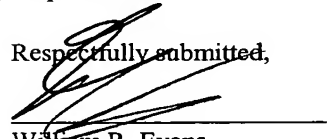
The rejections of claims 1-11, 13-16, 18 and 20-24 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, are attended to by amendments above.

The rejections of claims 1-16 under 35 USC 101 are attended to by Jepson or improvement incorporation of carrier structure as broadly defined at, for example, page 3, lines 9ff, and page 16, lines 4ff, of the original specification and originally limiting these claim, albeit informally, by recitation of the carrier in the first and last lines of claim 1, for example. The corresponding rejections of claims 20-22 are similarly attended to, albeit without the Jepson form.

As indicated above, the rejections of the claims under 35 USC 102 for anticipation by the Rhoads, et al. or Storey references are traversed by incorporation of limitations from allowed claim 17.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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IN THE DRAWING

Replacement Sheets 1-20 are attached to attend to the objections in the Notice of Draftspersons Patent Drawing Review without other changes to the drawings that the Examiner has approved.